



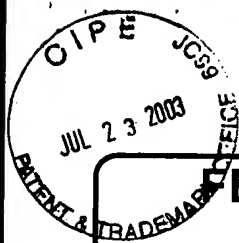
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
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1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
28	32*	0	\$0.00
6	7*	0	\$0.00

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1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	205.00
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1404	320	2401	180	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	180	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
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1809	750	1809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kenneth J. Lancos, et al.

Application No.: 09/966,677 ✓

Filed: September 28, 2001 ✓

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
PROVIDING MONETARY CREDITS TO A
GUEST WITHIN A COVERAGE AREA ✓

Examiner: Steve S. Paik

Art Group: 2876

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

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This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 28, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for filing a response to the Office Action expired on May 28, 2003. To extend the time for filing to the response, a Petition for a two-month extension is filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response. This complete set of claims excludes canceled claims 29-32 and includes amended claims 19, 22-27.

- 1 1. (Original) A method of providing monetary credits to a guest at a coverage area,
2 comprising:
3 receiving payment from said guest for said monetary credits;
4 reading an identification tag worn by said guest to obtain a tag identifier;
5 accessing a guest data object using said tag identifier; and